

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: PROBE OPENING FABRICATING APPARATUS, AND NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL
MICROSCOPE USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification; and

Remarks.